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PAUL ROSS EVANS INDICTED IN AUSTIN DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE INVESTIGATION

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a federal grand jury has indicted 27-year-old Paul Ross Evans for attempting to use an explosive incendiary bomb on the Austin Women's Health Center last month.

The indictment charges the Austin resident with one count each of attempt to use weapon of mass destruction; malicious attempt to damage building and property by means of explosive and fire; and, possession of a destructive device by a convicted felon. Evans is also charged with two counts of use and carrying of a destructive device in relation to a crime of violence. Upon conviction, Evans faces up to life in federal prison.

On April 25, 2007, federal and local law enforcement responded to a call of a suspicious package outside of the Austin Women's Health Center. Subsequently, authorities determined that the package contained an explosive device which was rendered safe at the scene.

Evans' criminal history reflects two prior felony convictions: Aggravated Robbery, Cause Number CR23,086, Lufkin, Texas, on or about January 24, 2003; and Burglary of a Habitation, Cause Number 030100398CR, Conroe, Texas, on or about January 21, 2003. Evans remains in federal custody pending trial. No other court dates have been scheduled.

This case is being investigated by the Joint Terrorism Task Force, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Austin Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Mark Roomberg and Gerald C. Carruth are prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

A indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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